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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## 10 PERSONS DROWN

**Ferryboat Capsized on Tombigbee River in Alabama.**

### BOAT CAUGHT IN THE RAPIDS

**Occupants Were Thrown into Swift Current and Drowned Almost Instantly—River Very Treacherous at Point Where Boat Capsized.**

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 28.—Leslie Verneville, a white boy of Mobile and 15 negroes were drowned in the Tombigbee river at McGrews shoals, a mile while after noon Thursday, while crossing the river in a ferry boat from the government's works where they were employed. They were on their way to dinner when the accident occurred.

About midstream the little boat drifted beyond control of the men into the rapids and soon capsized. Two of the negroes in the boat scrambled on top as it overturned but the other occupants were thrown into the swift current and were drowned almost instantly.

The young white boy drowned is the son of W. B. Verneville, the chief engineer in charge of the government works at the shoals. Their home is in Oakdale, a suburb of Mobile.

The boy was not employed at the works, but was there on a visit to his father and was returning home when the accident occurred.

The Tombigbee river, at the place where the boat capsized, is very treacherous and has long been considered too dangerous for navigation by experienced steamboat men.

### GOMER FAVORS LOCAL OPTION.

**Would Not Advise a State Prohibition Law for Alabama.**

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 28.—The governor sits at rest all the talk about his incorporating in his call the question of considering a general prohibition bill when the extra session is called.

"Is the call for an extra session," says the governor, "I would not employ a prohibition call and would not advise a state prohibition law."

The governor explains his position, saying that he had been asked by both sides about the matter. He says that when he was making his campaign throughout the state for governor he "stated in every county that I favored local option; thus giving every county the opportunity to vote as to whether or not they should have saloons, dispensaries or prohibition. . . . I favored the local option law as enacted by the last legislature and think that it should stand until the people have opportunity to vote on the question as a state politician."

### Swears He Is 107 Years Old.

Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 28.—William Winkle, of Gurley, has filed an application with the state auditor to be transferred from a pensioner of the second class to the first class under the law recently passed by the legislature and in doing so swears that he is 107 years old. Mr. Winkle is believed to be the oldest man in north Alabama. He enlisted in the Confederate army when he was 62 years old and served until the end of the war.

### Another Standard Oil Case.

Findlay, Ohio, Sept. 27.—Another case against the Standard Oil company brought by independent producers was started here Friday in common pleas court before Judge Duncan. The title of the case is George H. Phelps against the Standard Oil company, seven subsidiary concerns, John D. Rockefeller and seven other officials of the concerns.

### Demand Made of Shah.

Teheran, Sept. 28.—A signed document by high officials and the commander of the army has been presented to the shah to the effect that unless the sovereign accepts without reserve and will act accordingly to the demands of a constitutional government, they will resign in a body from his service.

## TRIAL OF SENATOR BORAH.

**Government Attorneys Turned Line of Evidence into New Channels.**

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 28.—After having spent all of the previous day in bringing out the testimony of thirteen persons who admitted they had taken out claims to timber lands for the express purpose of selling them to members of an alleged land-grabbing conspiracy, the government attorneys in the trial of United States Senator Borah here Friday turned the line of evidence into new channels which they claim will tend to affect the defendant senator. The testimony admitted up to Tuesday has been confined to the statements of John I. Wells and Louis M. Buchanan, two of the men under indictment.

None of the dummy entrymen examined on Wednesday was cross-examined and the testimony that was received from Wells, the money which which to prove their claims, and from Buchanan, the \$250,000 for sum in doing their duties were unimpaired. But when to a government attorney prosecuting attorneys, identified the statements of former Governor Frank Steiwer and William Sawyer to a document said to have been a contract.

It is alleged that Steiwer and Sawyer jointly furnished the money with which the alleged fraudulent transactions were carried on.

### TROOPS CALLED OUT.

**Wild Reports of Possible Trouble Proved To Be Groundless.**

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 28.—Wild reports in which there was no evidence caused one company of the militia to be sent to Plateau, a negro settlement three miles from Mobile at 4:15 o'clock Friday morning.

The reports were started by persons of no authority and there was not the slightest occasion for sending for troops.

Several families who were employed at a factory near Plateau, came to the city saying that the negroes were holding secret meetings and were going to avenge the death of a negro, Mose Bassett, who was lynched on Sunday morning for attempting to rape an aged white woman near the place.

At 7 o'clock the place was very quiet and not the least trouble is expected. The affair in many instances has been greatly exaggerated.

### INCENDIARY FIRE.

**Hundreds of Houses Burned at Wu Chow, China—Loss of Life.**

Hong Kong, Sept. 28.—Hundreds of houses and many boats and pontoons were destroyed Friday by a fire at Wu Chow.

It is feared that the loss of life was heavy.

The conflagration is said to have been due to incendiaries growing out of the recent establishment of a new interior customs station at Wu Chow, the inhabitants of which are bitterly opposed to any extra taxation.

### Names of New Battleships.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28.—North Dakota will be the name of the battleship No. 23, one of the new 20,000-ton vessels, contracts for which were recently awarded by the navy department. The other vessel as heretofore announced, will be called the Delaware. President Roosevelt has decided that as so many naval vessels bear the names of New York cities it would be unfair to carry out the original plan of naming No. 23 the New York, and of changing the cruiser of that name to the "Saratoga."

### Drink, Despair, Death.

Canton, Ohio, Sept. 28.—Joseph Devore, aged 66, a civil war veteran of Forest, shot himself to death here with a rifle. He had been drinking and was despondent.

### Well Known Mason Dies.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 28.—Thomas J. Barchus, one of the most widely known Masons in the south, died here at an advanced age Thursday.

### Close Election at Gray, Ga.

Gray, Ga., Sept. 28.—The election here for local taxation for school purposes was carried by a majority of one vote.

## VICTIMS OF FLOODS

**Six Hundred Persons Reported Drowned.**

### GREAT DISASTER IN JAPAN

**River Otonashigawa Rose More than Fifty Feet and Ran Through a Town With Immense Loss of Life and Damage Accruing.**

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 28.—A victim of a terrible disaster due to great floods prevailing in Japan, have been received here.

In the overflow of the river Otonashigawa, running through the town of Fushiyama, near Kyoto, more than six hundred persons were drowned. The river rose more than fifty feet.

### GUARDING "TEDDY BEARS."

**Painstaking Preparations Being Made for Pres. Roosevelt's Hunt.**

New Orleans, La., Sept. 28.—President Roosevelt will have good bear hunting in northeast Louisiana next month if painstaking preparations can produce such sport.

It was announced here that for a few weeks past the swamps in which the president will hunt have been so well guarded by the owners of the property, in preparation for the president's hunt, that even the sound of a gunshot has not disturbed the swamp animals.

Two of the swiftest and best trained bear dogs in the south have been secured from the Kentucky farm of Norvin T. Harris for use in the pack which the president will follow. The presence of the best dogs obtainable is necessary because in October Louisiana bears are usually lean after the summer's heat, and consequently give hunters a swift run.

### PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

**Engine Struck Post Under the Viaduct Causing Bridge to Fall.**

Atlanta, Sept. 28.—The Jones avenue viaduct collapsed Friday morning about 11 o'clock, when an engine hit one of the posts, knocking it from under the structure.

Although the bridge came down with a crash from one end to the other, the engineer and fireman of the engine which caused the accident escaped with their lives by jumping just in time. There was one team on the bridge at the time of the collapse and the negro driver went down with his wagon, horse and debris, and sustained serious injuries.

Fortunately, there were no other persons immediately on the bridge when it fell, or the loss of life would have been frightful.

As it is, the entire bridge, which was comparatively new and built of steel and stone, is a mass of ruins.

### 400 Students at University.

Athens, Ga., Sept. 28.—The registration books of the university of Georgia show the names of 393 students, and it is known that at least a dozen students are here who have not yet registered. Thus it is seen that the attendance has already passed the four hundred mark. Last year the four hundred mark was not passed until October 20, thus giving the present session almost a month in which to show its increase over last year.

### Automobile Kills Peasant.

Paris, Sept. 28.—An automobile containing Mrs. William Graham, of Santa Barbara, Calif., her daughter and a boy, 8, knocked down and killed a peasant Thursday near Auxerre, about a hundred miles from the city of Paris. The chauffeur in trying to avoid the accident, ditched the machine.

### Bainbridge Man Drowned.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 28.—Lawton Wilson, of Bainbridge, Ga., and two negroes employed in the construction of a bridge over the Tombigbee river, near Aliceville, Ala., were drowned Wednesday while crossing the river in a skiff.

## OCEAN'S BOTTOM RAISED.

**New Mountain Peak Formed by Recent Upheavals in the Far North.**

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 28.—Captain A. J. Henderson, of the revenue cutter Thetis, on arrival here from an Arctic expedition, confirmed with official reports the account of a violent volcanic eruption of Mt. Skushin, on Sept. 1, and the existence of a new peak rising from the sea forming a part of the Bogoslov formation.

The latest addition is the fourth, and with its appearance the bottom of the ocean has raised until channels formerly sufficiently large for the passage of ships are now dry land.

The Malushin volcano was threatening for six hours, and ashes heavily impregnated with sulphur fell to a depth of three-eighths of an inch.

The mountain is 25 miles from Unalak. Reports made to Captain Henderson in the north state three other similar volcanic disturbances have occurred along the Alaskan coast during the present summer.

### ACK HALE TESTIFIES.

**Makes Sweeping Denial of Charge of Murder Against Him.**

Bristol, Tenn., Sept. 28.—Ack Hale, who is on trial at Blountville for the murder of Lillie Davis, the crime having been committed in East Hill cemetery, in the city last March, on Thursday took the stand in his own behalf and gave substantially the same version of the tragedy as when first arrested a few minutes after the fatal shot was fired.

Hale made a sweeping denial of the charge of murder, and contradicted all the witnesses for the prosecution as to the events of the afternoon and evening on which the girl met her death. He testified that he had been intimate with his alleged victim, but officers were called in rebuttal who declared that he denied while under arrest that there had been any intimacy between them.

In several other important particulars Hale's story was shaken upon cross-examination or by rebuttal evidence.

### OIL TANK EXPLODES.

**As a Result of which Three Men Were Instantly Killed in New York.**

New York, Sept. 28.—Three men were instantly killed Friday morning by the explosion of an oil tank in the Bronx, from which they were drawing crude petroleum into a sprinkling cart for use on the Morris Park race track.

It is supposed that a lantern carried by one of the men ignited some loose oil under the tank. destroyed by the fire which followed off the top of the tank and hurled it into the yard of the Catholic proletery near by, alarming the fifteen boys therein, and shattered many of the windows of the proletery.

### Eight Injured in a Fire.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 28.—Eight persons were injured in a fire here on Thursday which damaged the establishments of the McElroy-Shannon Spring Bed company, the May R. Shirt Manufacturing company, the Paris laundry and D. W. Holmes laundry stable to the extent of \$50,000. There were 15 girls employed in the shirt factory and in the pants which caused Miss Southworth was injured, and many had narrow escapes. The president of the McElroy-Shannon Co. lives at Carthage, Mo.

### Roosevelt Ready to Listen to Strikers.

Washington, Sept. 28.—President Roosevelt said Friday that he had consented to receive some documentary statements from the striking telegraph operators and that when these are in his hands he would undoubtedly call into consultation Commissioner of Labor Neill. Further than this he said that no arrangements had been made for the telegraphers' strike.

### Store Burglarized.

Buford, Ga., Sept. 28.—Burglars broke into the store of Indus Bowden, who conducts a large racket store here, and helped themselves to a number of articles, including hats, shoes, cutlery and a few dollars that were left in the cash register. Bloodhounds were put on their tracks, but failed to catch them.

## ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

**Indictments Against the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.**

### THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC ALSO

**Indictments, It is Said, Embrace 140 Counts and Relate Particularly to Violations of the Law on Shipments from the Orient.**

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—According to a report in circulation here six indictments were found Thursday by the federal grand jury against the Pacific Mail Steamship company, and the Southern Pacific company.

In these indictments the names of Edward M. Harriman, John C. Stubbs and R. P. Scherwin, it is understood are mentioned. The indictments, it is said, embrace 140 counts and relate particularly to violations of the law on shipments from the Orient through the port of San Francisco to Chicago. The particular instances in which the law is said to have been violated relate to shipments of molasses from Kobe to Chicago, these shipments being very heavy and numerous during a number of months of the year.

A special agent, Mr. Duncan of the interstate commerce commission, has been on the Pacific coast for several months and also in Japan investigating these shipments and how the Pacific Mail and Southern Pacific have been making rates lower than those on them at various times. It is the making of a lower rate than the published tariff on which the indictments have been based.

Southern Pacific officials are said to have admitted that prior to the enforcement of the new rate law they had not been strictly living up to the three-day notice provision of the law, because of the impossibility of doing so, and receiving their share of Orient shipments to this country in competition with foreign lines. They insist, however, that since the new law has gone into effect they have not made any lower one than the published one and have not violated the law.

This, it is claimed, is the first time in the history of trans-Pacific trade through this port that a federal grand jury has ever made indictments for violation of the interstate law.

### Henry M. Flagler Ill.

New York, Sept. 28.—Henry M. Flagler, vice president of the Standard Oil company, is seriously ill in Mount Washington hotel, Brookwood, N. H. His condition is considered to be serious. His personal physician and nurse are in constant attendance. Mr. Flagler's illness is attributed to the effects of an attack of the grip which he contracted while he was in St. Augustine, Fla. last April. At that time he was much weakened from overwork and sent to the Key West railroad.

### Fatal Gasoline Explosion.

Cosherton, Ohio, Sept. 28.—George Stikt was fatally and Mrs. Marie Stikt seriously hurt in an explosion of gasoline in the dry-cleaning department of the Eureka laundry, and domestic Rug company here. Fifty girls were at work at the time of the explosion. A panic ensued and many of the girls were slightly injured. The three-story building was completely destroyed by the fire which followed immediately after the explosion. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

### Child's Tragic End.

Hillsboro, Ohio, Sept. 28.—Elizabeth Hamilton, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hamilton, of this place, was burned to death while attempting to start a fire in a stove by using coal oil. The residence and contents were also completely destroyed.

### Carrie Nation Out of Jail.

Washington, Sept. 27.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, recently committed to the workhouse for refusal to pay a fine to the workhouse for disorderly conduct, was released Thursday, her fine having been paid by a friend.